GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Imporvement of Scholarship Scheme
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has provided scholarships to Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe student to encourage interest in pursuance of higher education in the country;
(b) if so, the details thereof;
(c) whether the Government has any proposal to further improve the scholarship system so that the beneficiaries are inclined towards high education; and
(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(Dr. MAHENDRA NATH PANDEY)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. University Grants Commission (UGC) provides financial assistance to selected candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST) categories under various scholarships/fellowships schemes to encourage their interest in Higher Education. Scholarship/fellowship-wise number of SC/ST beneficiaries assisted by the UGC during the financial year 2015-16 are as under:
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S.No Name of Scheme Number of beneficiaries
during FY 2015-16
Nodal Ministry
1 Post Doctoral Fellowship for SC/ST 766 Ministry of Human
2 PG Scholarship for Professional Courses Resource Development
for SC/ST
904
3 Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC
candidate
19,623 Ministry of Social Justice
& Empowerment
4 National fellowship Higher Education for
ST Students since 2015 [Formerly RGNF
− ST]
4,929 Ministry of Tribal Affairs
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(c) & (d): UGC has informed that it has undertaken the following measures with a view to facilitate smooth disbursement of fellowships/scholarships to the students under the various schemes:
1. all fellowship schemes have been brought under Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode.
2. disbursal of grants to awardees is being routed through PFMS.
3. a dedicated web portal (https://scholarship.canarabank.in/AdminLogin.aspx) has been created for migration of legacy cases on DBT platform.
4. a fellowship tracking portal has been developed https://scholarship.canarabank.in/scholar/Login.aspx where the students can check the status of payment, date of upload of documents etc.
5. a dedicated email-id ugcfellowships.ugc@gmail.com is created to facilitate the redressal of student grievances especially relating to disbursal of fellowship/ scholarships.
6. a dedicated telephone number (011-23235640) has been provided to attend to calls from students relating to grievances/complaints/ problems on disbursal of grants under various fellowship/ scholarship schemes.
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